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I NEVER PROMISED YOU A CHAO GARDEN

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"THE SPOTTED OWL *LAID TWO EGGS* EARLY THIS SEASON AND PARK RANGERS FEAR THAT EVEN IF THE OWL ESCAPED, SHE COULD NOT CARRY HER EGGS WITH HER."

"THERE IS REASON FOR HOPE-- EVERYONE'S FAVORITE HERO, *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG*, ARRIVED ON THE SCENE SECONDS AGO TO HELP FIND AND RESCUE THE OWL AND ITS NEST."

FOREST FIRES BURN ME UP!

K-THOOM

CRASH!

EVERYONE IS WAITING BREATHLESSLY, BUT NO ONE HAS SEEN ANY SIGN OF THE BLUE HEDGEHOG SINCE HE RAN INTO THE FLAMES!

BUT WITH THE FIRE CLOSING IN, CAN EVEN SONIC'S INCREDIBLE SPEED SAVE THE DAY?

HOLD ON TIGHT. *WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE!*

I MAY NOT HAVE WINGS, BUT I CAN FLY TOO!

HOOOOOO!

YAAAAAY, SONIC!

HERE THEY ARE, SAFE AND SOUND!

THANK YOU, SONIC.

MEANWHILE, AT THE THORNDYKE MANSION WHERE SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS LIVE AT THE INVITATION OF YOUNG CHRISTOPHER THORNDYKE...

YAAAAAY, SONIC!

I KNEW HE COULD DO IT ALL ALONG!

CHAO

CREAM, WHAT'S WRONG WITH CHEESE? SHE LOOKS VERY SAD.

SONIC SAVED THE OWL AND ITS NEST.

CHAO CHAO

I THINK SHE MISSES BEING AROUND OTHER CHAO.

YOUR WORLD IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM OURS. WHERE WE COME FROM, LOTS OF PEOPLE HAD CHAO AS PETS AND CHEE COULD PLAY WITH OTHER LIKE HERSELF.

CHAO

"CHEESE WAS *HAPPY TO BE AROUND THE OTHER CHAO* WHEN THEY CAME THROUGH THE *MASTER EMERALD* TO EARTH."

CHAO

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"BUT THE CHAO *WEREN'T HERE FOR FUN*. THEY HAD A *MISSION* TO ACCOMPLISH.

THEY HAD COME TO HELP STOP THE *CHAOS MONSTER* FROM DESTROYING STATION SQUARE."

CHEESE, YOU ARE WELCOME *TO COME WITH US.*

"TIKAL INVITED CHEESE TO GO WITH THEM SO HE COULD BE HOME WITH ALL THE OTHER CHAO...

"ONCE THE CHAOS MONSTER BROKE FREE OF DR. EGGMAN'S CONTROL AND RETURNED TO NORMAL, HE RESUMED HIS ROLE AS THE *PROTECTOR OF THE CHAO*. THEY ALL WENT BACK INTO THE MASTER EMERALD."

... BUT CHEESE DECIDED TO *STAY HERE WITH ME."*

NOW I THINK I WAS BEING *SELFISH* WANTING HIM TO STAY. CHEESE SHOULD BE WITH OTHER CHAO...

...BUT I FEEL SCARED AND LONELY ON YOUR WORLD WITHOUT MY MOTHER. HAVING CHEESE WITH ME MAKES ME FEEL BETTER.

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL. EVEN THOUGH MY MOM AND DAD LIVE IN THE SAME WORLD AS I DO...

...THEY ARE *SO BUSY* WITH THEIR *CAREERS*, THAT I DON'T GET TO SPEND MUCH TIME WITH THEM.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVED ON EARTH AND CAME HERE TO LIVE WITH ME, *I USED TO BE LONELY TOO.*

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"GRANDPA CHUCK, MR. TANAKA AND ELLA DID EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO HELP ME FEEL LESS LONELY..."

CHARGE!

"... BUT I ALWAYS DREAMED OF FINDING FRIENDS LIKE YOU WHO WOULD BE WITH ME ALL THE TIME."

HEH. IT'S KINDA FUNNY...

... I REMEMBER A CAMP OUT I HAD FOR MY SIXTH BIRTHDAY...

"MOM AND DAD PROMISED THEY WOULD COME, BUT THEY BOTH HAD TO WORK."

I'M SORRY, CHRIS.

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, GRANDPA.

WE'LL HAVE YOUR CAMP OUT ANYWAY. WE'LL INVITE YOUR FRIENDS FROM SCHOOL, AND HAVE IT IN THE BACK YARD BY THE POOL.

I'LL BAKE A CAKE.

I SHALL BARBECUE SOME HOT DOGS.

"IT WASN'T THE SAME AS HAVING MY FOLKS WITH ME BECAUSE I KNEW MY FRIENDS WOULD HAVE TO GO HOME THE NEXT MORNING...

... BUT IT WAS THE BEST BIRTHDAY PARTY I EVER HAD!"

TELL US A STORY, GRANDPA.

ALL RIGHT. WHAT DO YOU KIDS SEE WHEN YOU LOOK UP IN THE NIGHT SKY?

THE MOON.

STARS.

THOSE STARS ARE *SUNS* JUST LIKE *OUR OWN.*

AND ANY ONE OF THEM MIGHT HAVE A PLANET CIRCLING IT WITH LIFE *VERY DIFFERENT THAN WE'VE EVER SEEN BEFORE.*

WILL THEY *COME HERE?*

WILL THEY BE OUR *FRIENDS?*

I DON'T KNOW. WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT *IF WE TREAT THEM LIKE FRIENDS,* THEY WILL TREAT US THE *SAME WAY.*

WHEN I GET BIG, I WANT TO *GO INTO SPACE* AND MEET THEM!

WHAT IF THEY'RE *MONSTERS* AND WANT TO *DESTROY* US?

I ONCE SAW A MOVIE ABOUT ALIENS THAT *ATE PEOPLES' FACES.*

DID YOU SEE THE ONE WHERE ALIENS DISGUISED THEMSELVES AS *DOGS* AS PART OF THEIR PLAN TO *TAKE OVER THE WORLD?*

WHAT IF ALIEN DOGS LANDED HERE *TONIGHT* AND TRIED TO EAT *OUR FACES?!*

HEH HEH. I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.

NOW LET'S GO *EAT SOME CAKE!*

WE HAD *TROUBLE SLEEPING* THAT NIGHT BECAUSE OF ALL THE *SCARY TALK* ABOUT ALIENS.

I THINK *ALL THE SUGAR YOU ATE* HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT TOO...

CRUNCH

RATTLE

CLANK

WHAT'S THAT?

I DON'T KNOW.

IT'S THE *ALIENS!*

EEEEEEEEEEEEE!

RUN AWAY!

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

I WANNA GO HOME!

WAIT, GUYS! *DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND!*

EEEK! IT'S GOT ME!

LET GO! LET GO!

I WANT MY MOMMY!

HEEEEEEEELP!

WHAT IS WRONG, MASTER CHRIS?

ALIENS!

THEY WANT TO EAT OUR FACES!

HA HA HA HA HA!

THAT WAS NO ALIEN, KIDS...

IT WAS JUST *ELLA*.

I'M SORRY, MASTER CHRIS. I DID NOT MEAN TO FRIGHTEN YOU.

I JUST CAME OUT HERE TO CLEAN UP. I THOUGHT YOU'D ALL BE ASLEEP.

DO YOU REALLY THINK *ALIENS ARE OUT THERE* AND THEY WANT TO EAT OUR FACES, GRANDPA?

CHRIS, I HAVE *NO DOUBT* THERE *IS* OTHER LIFE OUT THERE, AND IF *YOU* EVER MEET THEM, YOU WILL *MAKE FRIENDS* WITH THEM, WHOEVER THEY ARE!

IT TOOK *FIVE YEARS*, BUT THE ALIENS FINALLY FOUND THEIR WAY TO EARTH--

-- AND *YOU* ALL BECAME MY FRIENDS...

(WELL, ALL OF YOU EXCEPT FOR DR. EGGMAN.)

I GUESS GRANDPA WAS RIGHT.

I TRY TO MAKE IT A HABIT.

HI, *AMY*. DID I MISS ANYTHING EXCITING?

HI, *SONIC*! CHRIS WAS JUST TELLING US A STORY ABOUT HIS LIFE BEFORE WE CAME TO LIVE HERE.

I GUESS WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS THAT *I WAS LONELY* UNTIL *YOU* ARRIVED HERE.

I HOPE THAT MY BEING YOUR FRIEND HELPS YOU FEEL A *LITTLE LESS LONELY*.

IT DOES, CHRIS! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

CHAO CHAO!

MEANWHILE, IN THE LAIR OF THE EVIL DR. EGGMAN...

OOOOOOOO! AREN'T YOU THE *CUTEST LITTLE CHAO* EVER?

IS DR. EGGMAN *PLAYING WITH A CHAO?* SOMETHING MUST BE *WRONG*, DECOE!

MAYBE HE'S *SPENT TOO MUCH TIME* ON THIS *BACKWARD LITTLE PLANET*, BOCOE!

CHOA

NOTHING'S WRONG WITH ME THAT A LITTLE *WORLD DOMINATION CAN'T CURE.*

AND THAT'S WHERE THIS *LITTLE DARLING* COMES IN.

CHOA

DR. EGGMAN, WHERE DID *YOU* GET A CHAO?

WHEN I HAD YOU *KIDNAP CHEESE* A COUPLE WEEKS AGO...*

...I TOOK A *SMALL CUTTING* FROM HER WING SO I COULD GROW CHAO OF MY OWN.

*CHEESE WAS KIDNAPPED AS PART OF EGGMAN'S PLOT AGAINST SONIC IN ISSUE #3.

HOW CAN A CHAO HELP YOU *TAKE OVER THE EARTH?*

CHAO ARE *SWEET, PEACEFUL* CREATURES.

CHOA

NOT *THIS* CHAO.

BEHOLD WHAT HAPPENS WHEN *I PRESS THIS BUTTON.*

WHEN I BROADCAST A *CERTAIN RADIO SIGNAL*, MY CHAOS IS TRANSFORMED INTO A *DESTRUCTIVE FORCE OF NATURE!*

NOW I SHALL BECOME *EMPEROR* OF EARTH!

beep beep beep beep!

WHAT *SHARP TEETH* YOU HAVE, CHAO-MAMA!

GRRRRRRRR! GRRRRRRRR!

HA HAHAHAHAHAHA!

HOW IS *ONE EVIL CHAO* GOING TO MAKE YOU EMPEROR?

IS IT EVEN REGISTERED TO VOTE?

CHOMP!

COME WITH ME, MY DIMBOTS, AND *WITNESS THE TRUE GENIUS* OF MY CUNNING PLAN!

BEHOLD!

OOOOOOOOO!

WITH THE CUTTING I TOOK FROM CHEESE...

...I HAVE CREATED AN *ENTIRE GARDEN* OF MY *SPECIAL BREED* OF CHAO!

HOW DID WE NOT SEE THIS IN THE BACKYARD?

WE SIMPLY HAVE TO GET OUT MORE.

WITH MY *BRILLIANT ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN*, SOON EVERYONE IN STATION SQUARE WILL OWN ONE OF MY CHAO.

ONCE I HAVE ACHIEVED *MAXIMUM MARKET PENETRATION*, I WILL SEND OUT THE RADIO SIGNAL THAT WILL TURN THE CHAO INTO *AGENTS OF MAYHEM*.

AND FROM THE ASHES AND RUBBLE, I SHALL RISE UP AND BECOME *EMPEROR OF ALL I SURVEY.*

THAT MAY MAKE HIM *MAYOR OF STATION SQUARE*, BUT IT WON'T MAKE HIM *EMPEROR OF EARTH.*

SHHHHH! YOU KNOW *NOT TO INTERRUPT HIM* WHEN HE'S RANTING!

HAVE YOU EVER **DREAMED OF OWNING A CHAO** JUST LIKE THE ONE YOU'VE SEEN WITH **CREAM THE RABBIT?**

I WISH I HAD A CHAO.

1-555-EGGMAN

UNTIL NOW, YOU'D HAVE TO SPEND **THOUSANDS OF LITTLE GREEN PIECES OF PAPER** AND BUILD A **DIMENSIONAL PORTAL** TO GET YOUR VERY OWN CHAO.

BUILDING A DIMENSIONAL PORTAL IS HARD!

1-555-EGGMAN

BUT NOT ANY MORE BECAUSE NOW **YOU** CAN GET A **LIVE CHAO** FOR A FRACTION OF WHAT YOU MIGHT EXPECT TO PAY.

CHOA

1-555-EGGMAN

CHAO MAKE **GREAT PETS.** THEY'RE PERFECT FOR KIDS, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND EVERYONE WHO LOVES TO FOLLOW THE LATEST TRENDS.

1-555-EGGMAN

AND IF YOU CALL IN THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES, WE'LL **DOUBLE YOUR ORDER FREE.** CALL NOW AND HAVE A WHEELBARROW OF LITTLE GREEN PIECES OF PAPER HANDY!

1-555-EGGMAN

AND IF YOU DON'T CALL TODAY, I'LL HAVE ONE OF MY GIAN ROBOTS **CRUSH YOUR HOUSE**... SO HURRY! OPERATORS ARE STANDING BY!

1-555-EGGMAN

IT'S AMAZING. DR. EGGMAN'S AD HAS BEEN ON TV FOR *ONLY ONE WEEK*, AND IT LOOKS LIKE *EVERY-ONE IN STATION SQUARE* HAS ORDERED A CHAO.
EGGMAN HAS TO BE UP TO SOMETHING.
I AGREE, TAILS, BUT THE QUESTION IS *WHAT?*
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CHAO?
CHOA.
CHAO?
CHOA!

WHERE DO YOU THINK HE GOT THEM ALL?
MAYBE HE FOUND A *WAY BACK TO OUR WORLD* AND BROUGHT THEM HERE.
IF HE CAN DO THAT, DO YOU THINK HE CAN *GET US BACK HOME?!*

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SLEEP IN MY OWN BED AGAIN.

AND SEE MY MOTHER.

CHAO?

CHOA.

CHOA.

CHOA.

BUT I DON'T WANT YOU TO LEAVE!

NOBODY'S GOING ANYWHERE, CHRIS. WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW EGGMAN GOT HIS CHAO. WE'RE JUST *SPECULATING.*

IT'S JUST THAT NOW THAT I HAVE YOU AS FRIENDS, I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU.

CHAO CHAO CHAO, *"CHOA CHOA"* CHAO CHAO!

EVEN IF DR. EGGMAN HAS FOUND A WAY TO GET US HOME, WE'D *COME BACK TO VISIT YOU.*

THAT'S RIGHT, CHRIS. WE'LL BE YOUR FRIENDS FOREVER.

I DON'T THINK THESE CHAO CAME FROM OUR WORLD.

WHY NOT, CREAM?

CHEESE HAS BEEN TRYING TO TALK TO THESE OTHER CHAO. BUT *THEY* SPEAK A *DIFFERENT* LANGUAGE.

CAN SHE UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE SAYING?

CHAO CHAO CHAO! CHAO "CHOA" CHAO!

NOT EXACTLY. SHE THINKS THEY ARE CALLING HER "*MOTHER*" AND SAYING "*THE TIME IS ALMOST HERE!*"

SHE SAYS THEY SOUND VERY *CONFUSED* AND *RESTLESS* AND HAVE *REALLY BAD ACCENTS*.

WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE IT MEANS?

I'M SURE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH *EGGMAN*...

... AND THAT MEANS *SOMETHING BAD* IS BOUND TO HAPPEN!

IT'S BEEN A MONTH AND *CHAO MANIA* HAS SWEPT STATION SQUARE.

EVEN CELEBRITIES LIKE GLAMOROUS MOVIE STAR *LINDSEY THORNDYKE* AREN'T SEEN IN PUBLIC WITHOUT A CHAO ANY MORE.

FILE FOOTAGE

I LOVE HIM TO PIECES, BUT I JUST CAN'T HAVE HIM ON THE SET WITH ME.

HE KEEPS FLYING INTO SCENES WHEN I'M ACTING AND RUINING THE SHOTS.

THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT HIM HOME TO YOU, DEAR.

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM FOR ME WHEN I'M WORKING.

'KAY, MOM.

GRRRRRR

CHAO!

YOU CAN'T GO *ANYWHERE* IN TOWN WITHOUT SEEING *DOZENS OF CHAO*: SCHOOLS, BANKS, SHOPPING MALLS, THE PARK.

THERE'S JUST *NO ESCAPING* THESE CUDDLY CREATURES!

HEH HEH. YOU FOOLS DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT!

IT'S TIME TO PUT THE *NEXT PHASE* OF MY PLAN *INTO ACTION!*

ONCE I PRESS *THIS LITTLE BUTTON,* I WILL TRANSMIT A RADIO SIGNAL THAT WILL TURN MY CHAO AGAINST THEIR HUMAN MASTERS!

THE CITY WILL BE OVERRUN BY RAMPAGING LITTLE MONSTERS, AND *I* WILL TAKE CONTROL!

HAHA HA HA HA!

PRESS!

beep beep beep

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THORNDYKE MANSION.

beep beep beep

DON'T WORRY, MRS. THORNDYKE. WE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR CHAO.

HEY! WHAT'S HAPPENING?--

-- I'VE NEVER SEEN A CHAO DO *THAT* BEFORE!

ROOOOOAAR!

YOU GUYS TAKE CARE. *I'LL* HANDLE THIS!

CHOMP!

NOT WITHOUT *ME*, YOU WON'T!

THUD!

SONIC! CATCH!

THANKS, BUDDY!

I WONDER IF SONIC WILL EVER GIVE *ME* A RING...?

GRRRR!

I GUESS THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT RINGS!

IT'S NOT NICE TO GROWL AT PRETTY GIRLS!

WHACK!

?

WHOOOOOOSH!

MAYBE THAT WILL HOLD YOU!

GRRRRR!

MAYBE WE CAN KEEP HIM IN HERE.

THAT'S A GREAT IDEA, TAILS.

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WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

I SAY WE GO TO *ANGEL ISLAND* AND SEE IF THE *MASTER EMERALD* CAN HELP CALM HIM DOWN.

THUNK

THUNK

THUNK

I'LL DRIVE!

WE'D BETTER GET THERE FAST BEFORE IT BREAKS OUT OF THE GARBAGE CAN!

OH OH!

I'D SAY WE'RE IN *TROUBLE!*

DEEP, DEEP TROUBLE!

WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT SUDDENLY *ALL THE CHAO HAVE GONE CRAZY* AND ARE *ATTACKING PEOPLE* LEFT AND RIGHT!

WILL *ANYBODY* BE ABLE TO SAVE STATION SQUARE FROM *COMPLETE DESTRUCTION?*

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